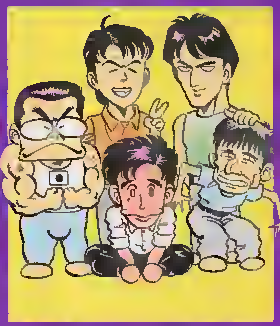

●似顔絵。スタッフ一同と共に。真ん中にいるのが、先生ですヨ。

手術室炎上！　K、脱出不可能!?

Kたちは、闇の臓器密売組織の手から、クナンの腎臓の奪回に成功した！　だが、追いつめられた組織は、証人であるKを抹殺すべく、腎臓移植手術中に卑劣なワナをしかけてきた……。一瞬にして火の海と化す手術室!!　閉じ込められたKたちに、逃げ道はあるのか!?

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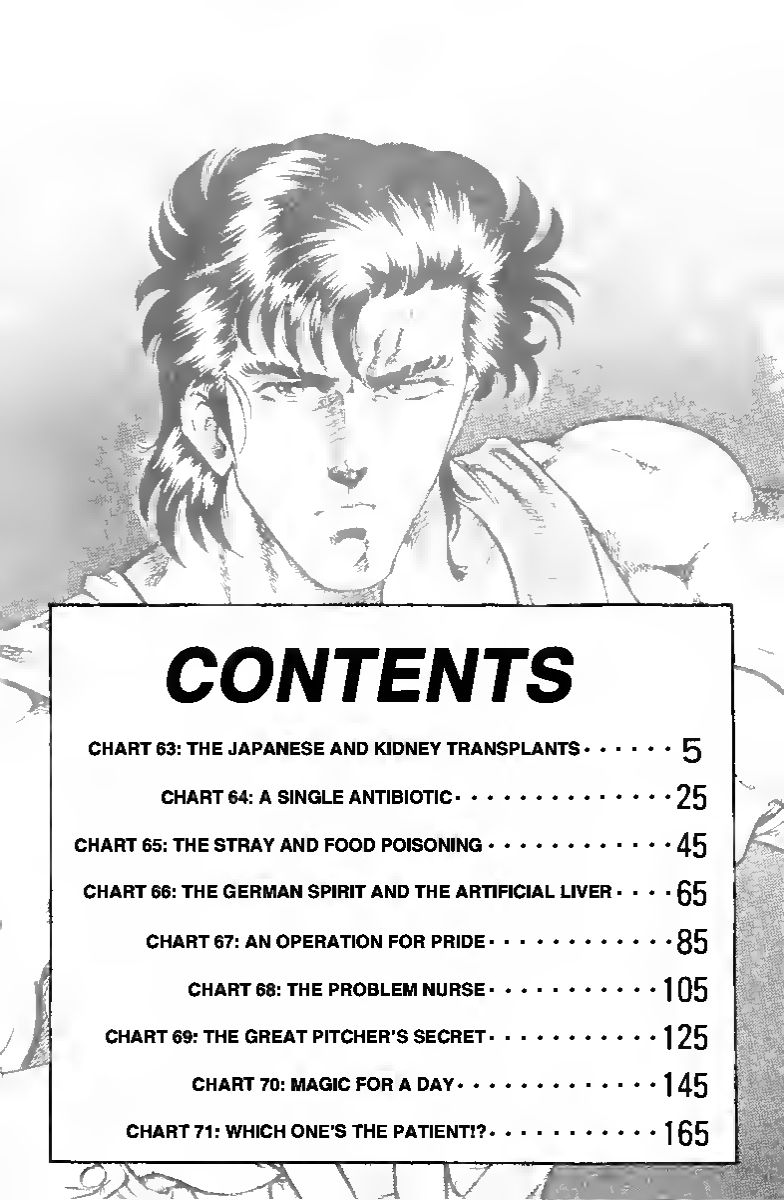

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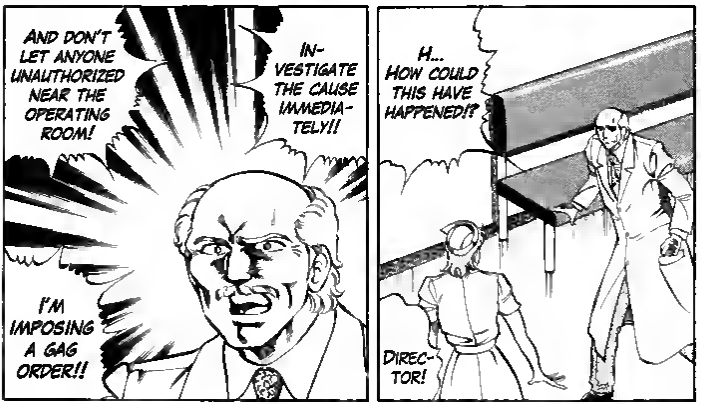
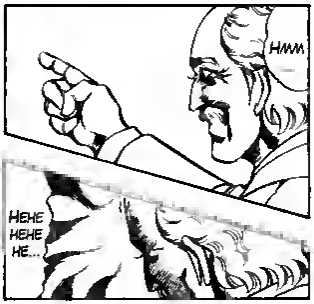
CHART 63: THE JAPANESE AND KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS

SIGN FIRE EXTINGUISHER
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S COMING FROM OPERATING ROOM 1!!!
FIRE!!
消火栓
THAT CAN'T BE.. OPERATING ROOM 1..
IS WHERE DR. NANASE IS OPERATING RIGHT NOW!!


AND DON'T LET ANYONE UNAUTHORIZED NEAR THE OPERATING ROOM!
IN-VESTIGATE THE CAUSE IMMEDIA-TELY!!
I'M IMPOSING A GAG ORDER!!
H... HOW COULD THIS HAVE HAPPENED!?
DIREC-TOR!

AND CONTACT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, QUICKLY!!
YES, SIR!!

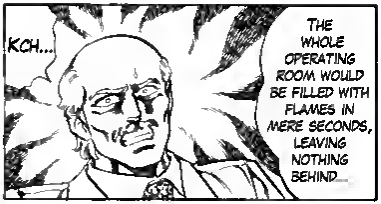
GRIN
HEHAHA HAHAHA HA...!!

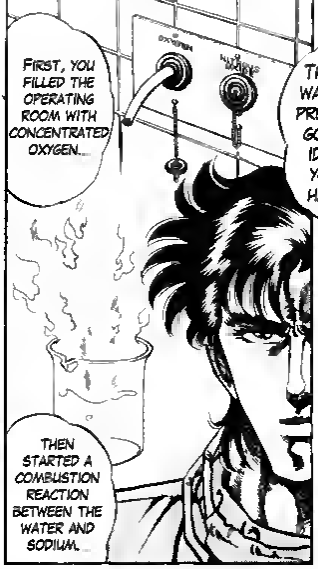

HMM
HEHE HEHE HE...

SFX: HYAHAHAHAHAHAHA!
SFX: HAHAHAHA!
SORIMACHI IS DEAD, AND NOW CUNANAN, NANASE, AND K ARE FOLLOWING SUIT! ALL THE LOOSE ENDS HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF!!
THEY'RE DEAD!! THEY'VE BURNED TO DEATH!!

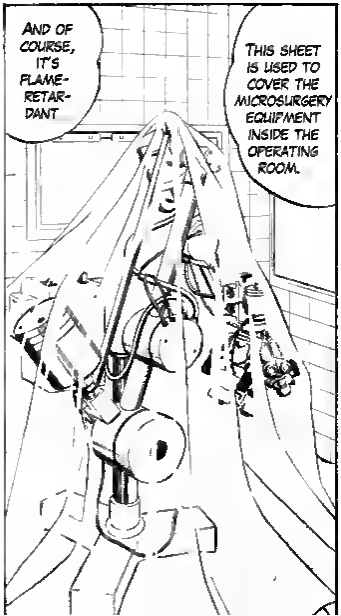
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS PLAY THE DIRECTOR OF A HOSPITAL WHERE THIS UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT HAPPENED...
THIS WAS JUST AN UN-FORTUNATE ACCIDENT...
NOW, IT'S TIME TO CHECK IN ON THEM...
HMM ...!?
W-WHAT HAPPENED HERE...?
THERE'S NOT A SINGLE BODY IN HERE...!!

!?
WAAAAA AAAAAAA AAAAAAA AUGH!!
HOW ARE YOU STILL ALIVE!?
H... HOW !?


KCH...
THE WHOLE OPERATING ROOM WOULD BE FILLED WITH FLAMES IN MERE SECONDS, LEAVING NOTHING BEHIND...


FIRST, YOU FILLED THE OPERATING ROOM WITH CONCENTRATED OXYGEN...
THAT WAS A PRETTY GOOD IDEA YOU HAD.
THEN STARTED A COMBUSTION REACTION BETWEEN THE WATER AND SODIUM...

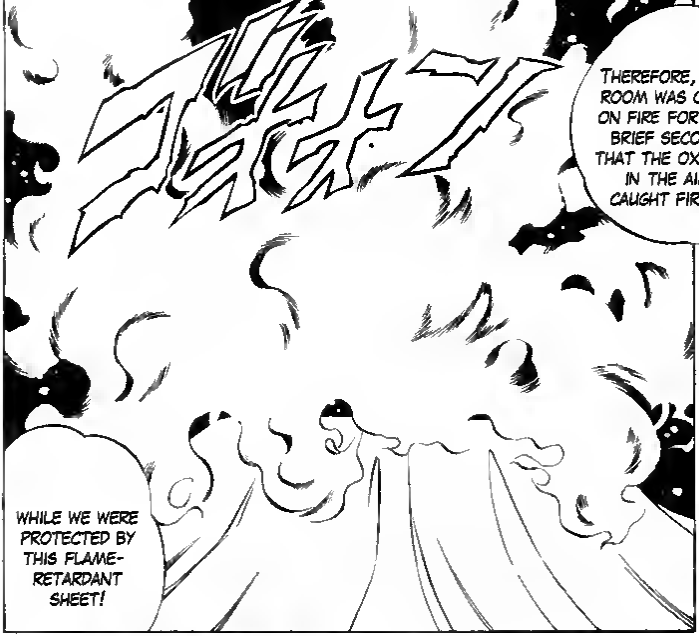
AND THEN ...
YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO GO ON SELLING ORGANS LIKE NOTHING HAD HAPPENED!!


AND OF COURSE, IT'S FLAME-RETARDANT...
THIS SHEET IS USED TO COVER THE MICROSURGERY EQUIPMENT INSIDE THE OPERATING ROOM.

I'M SURE THIS OPERATING ROOM WAS ENGULFED IN FLAMES ...!!
B, BUT HOW!?

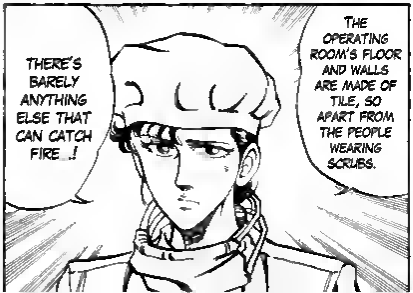
THIS TRANS-PARENT SHEET!
THIS SAVED US

MY SUSPICION... THAT THERE WAS AN INFORMANT INSIDE THIS HOSPITAL, REPORTING OUR EVERY MOVE, WAS CONFIRMED!
WHEN I REALIZED THAT EVERYONE IN THE OPERATING ROOM WAS DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS OF OXYGEN POISONING
THE INCENDIARY DEVICE WAS THE WATER AND SODIUM, JUST AS YOU PLANNED.
WE HAD EVERYONE GET DOWN ON THE FLOOR AROUND THE OPERATING TABLE, AND COVERED EVERYONE WITH THE TRANSPARENT SHEET.
SO WE MADE A SPLIT-SECOND DECISION.
HOWEVER!
BUT OXYGEN ONLY SERVES THE ROLE OF HELPING A FIRE BURN...
OXYGEN ITSELF DOES NOT BURN!
THIS IS QUITE A COMMON MISTAKE...


THEREFORE, THE ROOM WAS ONLY ON FIRE FOR THE BRIEF SECOND THAT THE OXYGEN IN THE AIR CAUGHT FIRE...
WHILE WE WERE PROTECTED BY THIS FLAME-RETARDANT SHEET!

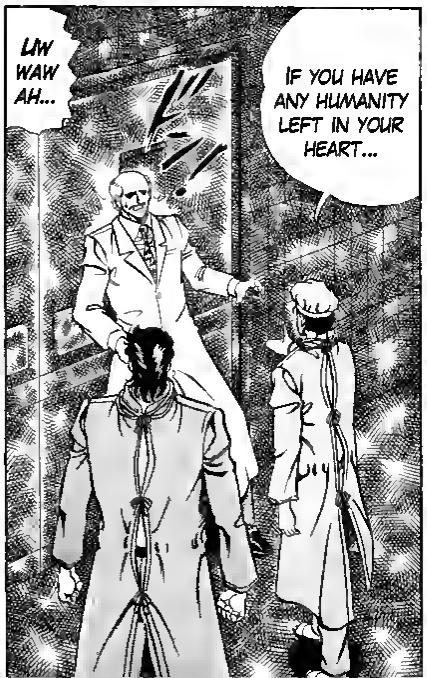
URK ...
SO WITHOUT ANYTHING ELSE TO CATCH ON FIRE, IT WAS LITERALLY OVER IN A FLASH!

WE PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED IF THE FIRE HAD SPREAD...
BUT LIKE I MENTIONED EARLIER, OXYGEN ITSELF DOES NOT BURN..

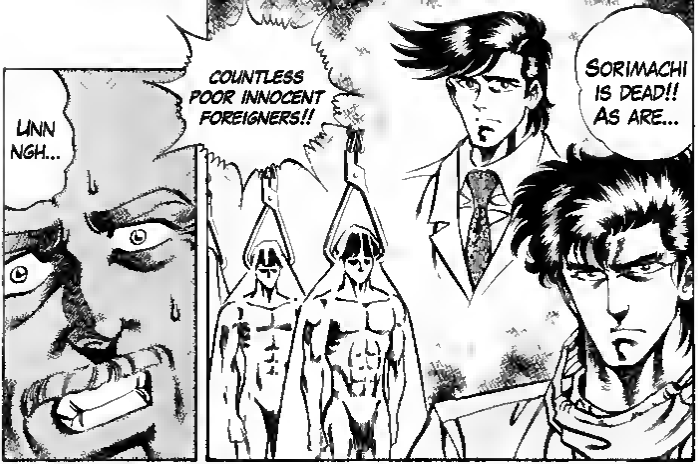

THE OPERATING ROOM'S FLOOR AND WALLS ARE MADE OF TILE, SO APART FROM THE PEOPLE WEARING SCRUBS.
THERE'S BARELY ANYTHING ELSE THAT CAN CATCH FIRE..!

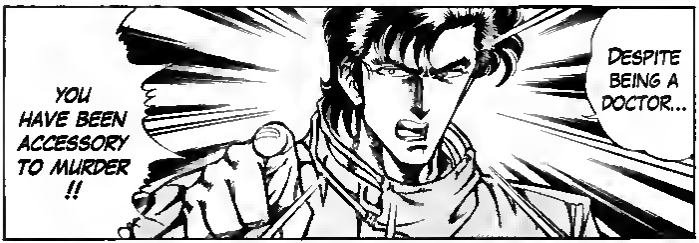
AFTER THAT, WE CONTINUED THE OPERATION...
CUNANAN'S CURRENTLY SLEEPING SAFELY IN OPERATING ROOM 2.

THERE'S NOWHERE LEFT FOR YOU TO RUN, DIRECTOR.

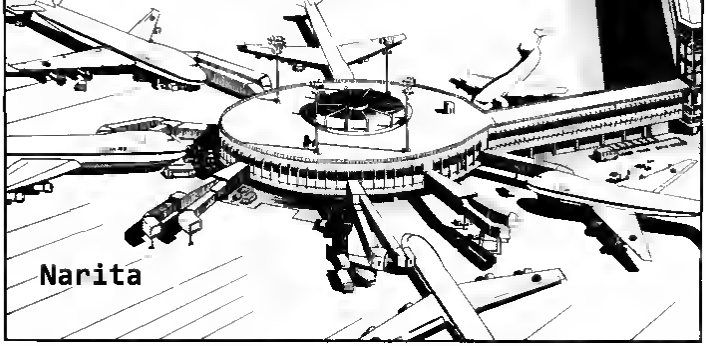

UW WAW AH...
IF YOU HAVE ANY HUMANITY LEFT IN YOUR HEART...

PLEASE... TURN YOURSELF IN...


UNN NGH...
COUNTLESS POOR INNOCENT FOREIGNERS!!
SORIMACHI IS DEAD!! AS ARE...


YOU HAVE BEEN ACCESSORY TO MURDER !!
DESPITE BEING A DOCTOR...

IT'S ALL OVER !!
EEEEEEE EEEEEEE EEEK...
I-IT'S ALL OVER...
UN NGH ...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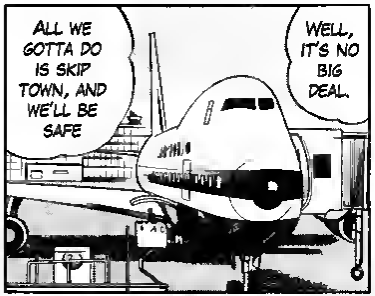
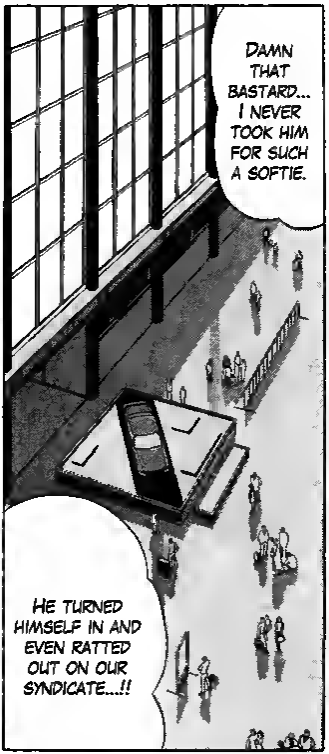

ALL WE GOTTA DO IS SKIP TOWN, AND WE'LL BE SAFE
WELL, IT'S NO BIG DEAL.


DAMN THAT BASTARD... I NEVER TOOK HIM FOR SUCH A SOFTIE.
HE TURNED HIMSELF IN AND EVEN RATTED OUT ON OUR SYNDICATE...!!

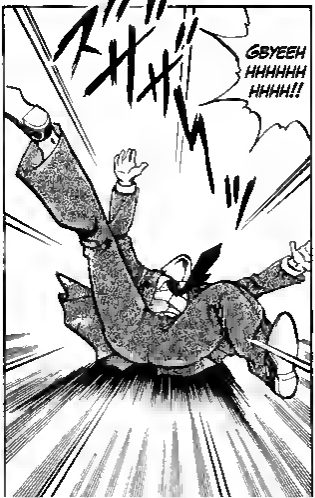
NOW LET'S SEE, OUR SEAT IS A-23...
!?

UHHH, EXCUSE ME, BUT THIS IS OUR SEAT...
HEY!
WE'RE TALKING TO YOU!!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME SAY THAT THIS IS OUR SEAT!?
HEY...

WHAT THE HELL... WHAT DID YOU JUST DO...!?
HUH...?
キュッ
キュッ!!
YOU'RE GOING TO REMAIN IN THIS COUNTRY AND ACCEPT.
I'M NOT LETTING YOU GET AWAY!!
K-
K!!

YOUR JUDGMENT !!

HOW COULD YOU DO THAT TO ONE OF OUR PASSEN-GERS..!?
AIIIII EEEEE ....!!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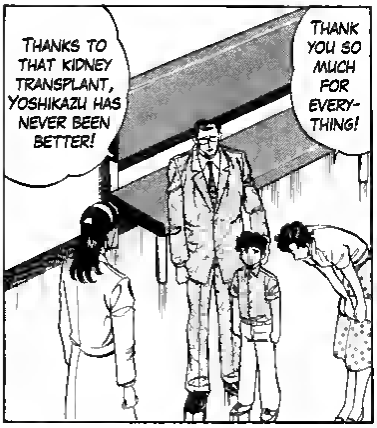
GBYEEH HHHHHH HHHH!!

TRUE, THEY MAY HAVE BOARDING PASSES...
PASSEN-GERS!?

THEY HAVE NO VALID PASSPORT!!
AND THEREFORE!!
BUT I HATE TO TELL YOU THAT THEY ARE HARDENED CRIMINALS...

讀捨新聞
THE YOMISUTE SHIMBUN
6月28日 木曜日
ORGAN TRAFFICKING RING EXPOSED
MULTIPLE FOREIGN LABORERS VICTIMIZED
CORRUPT HOSPITAL DIRECTOR ARRESTED



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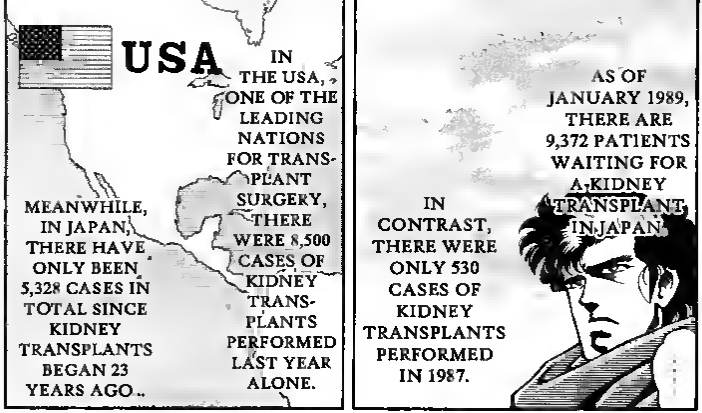
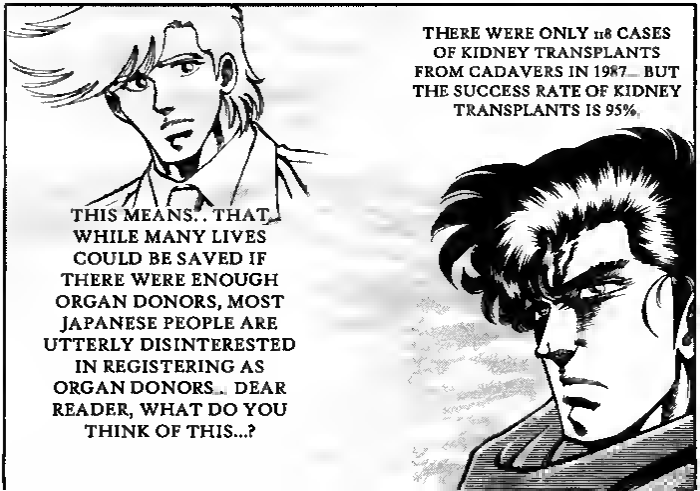
YOU'D BETTER!
OKAY, I PROMISE YOU.
I PROMISE I'LL TELL DR. SORIMACHI.
TELL HIM THANK YOU FOR ME!
WELL, WHEN HE GETS BACK...
!!
THAT'S THE CHILD, RIGHT...? MY KIDNEY WILL LIVE ON INSIDE HIM, WON'T IT?
TAKE CARE!
...
CUNA-NAN...
...
BUT I KNOW THE CHILD HAS DONE NOTHING WRONG SO I ONLY WISH THAT HE WILL LIVE ON TO BE HEALTHY AND STRONG
I HAVE A BROTHER AROUND HIS AGE... I DON'T KNOW HOW WELL HE'S DOING...

GOING TO STAY IN JAPAN AND WORK.
I'M...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
I CANNOT GO BACK JUST BECAUSE I HAD A KIDNEY REMOVED!
MY FAMILY BACK HOME IS WAITING FOR MY MONEY. MY BROTHER AND SISTERS ARE WAITING ON ME!
POOR GUY...
YOU HAVE SAVED MY LIFE.
THIS IS GOODBYE, DOCTORS! SO LONG!
I WILL... NEVER FORGET IT.

YES...
AND HE WON'T EVEN GET TO SPEND HIS OWN MONEY. HE'LL SEND IT BACK TO HIS FAMILY BACK HOME
CUNANAN'S GOING TO GO RIGHT BACK TO HIS GRUELLING LABOR...
AND THE FACT IS, HE SAVED A CHILD'S LIFE!
WHOSE RIGHT IS IT TO SAY IT WAS WRONG!?
NOT JUST ANYONE COULD HAVE DONE THAT!
AND WHAT SORI-MACHI DID...
AS THINGS STAND, IT'S HARD ENOUGH OBTAINING A KIDNEY FROM A CADAVER.
AND NOW THERE ARE PEOPLE TRYING TO HARVEST ORGANS FROM THE POOR FOR MONEY!
JAPAN HAS COME TO A POINT WHERE WE MUST THINK LONG AND HARD ABOUT THIS!
WE HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THIS...


USA
IN THE USA, ONE OF THE LEADING NATIONS FOR TRANSPLANT SURGERY, THERE WERE 8,500 CASES OF KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS PERFORMED LAST YEAR ALONE.
MEANWHILE, IN JAPAN, THERE HAVE ONLY BEEN 5,328 CASES IN TOTAL SINCE KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS BEGAN 23 YEARS AGO..
IN CONTRAST, THERE WERE ONLY 530 CASES OF KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS PERFORMED IN 1987.
AS OF JANUARY 1989, THERE ARE 9,372 PATIENTS WAITING FOR A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT IN JAPAN.

DUE TO THE DIFFICULTY OF OBTAINING THE BEREAVED FAMILY'S CONSENT, AND THE UNPREPAREDNESS OF THE MEDICAL SYSTEM, THERE ARE STILL NOT MANY CASES OF KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS FROM CADAVERS.
UNLIKE HEART AND LIVER TRANSPLANTS, A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT FROM A CADAVER IS POSSIBLE SO LONG AS IT IS PERFORMED NOT LONG AFTER DEATH... HOWEVER...


THERE WERE ONLY 118 CASES OF KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS FROM CADAVERS IN 1987... BUT THE SUCCESS RATE OF KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS IS 95%.
THIS MEANS... THAT, WHILE MANY LIVES COULD BE SAVED IF THERE WERE ENOUGH ORGAN DONORS, MOST JAPANESE PEOPLE ARE UTTERLY DISINTERESTED IN REGISTERING AS ORGAN DONORS... DEAR READER, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS...?

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YOU WANNA GET RIPPED LIKE ME? HERE'S A PRESCRIPTION: ACTUALLY EXERCISE!
LOOK MAN, JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN'T FIND YOUR SHIRT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN PREACH TO ME.
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